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Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/59/L.53

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 32nd meeting, on 17 December 2004, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/59/25) of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/59/L.53. At the 32nd meeting, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/59/613).

2. The statements and comments made in the course of the Fifth Committee's consideration of this question are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/59/SR.32).

3. Also at the 32nd meeting, the Secretary of the Committee read out an oral draft decision.

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4. Before the consideration of the draft decision, the representative of Qatar, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, made a statement (see A/C.5/59/SR.32).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 7).

6. After the adoption of the draft decision, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Cuba, the Netherlands (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), South Africa (on behalf of the Group of African States) and the Syrian Arab Republic (see A/C.5/59/SR.32).

Decision of the Committee

7. The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/59/25) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/59/613), wishes to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/59/L.53, the Fifth Committee would revert to the consideration of the related resource requirements in the context of its consideration of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 at its sixtieth session.